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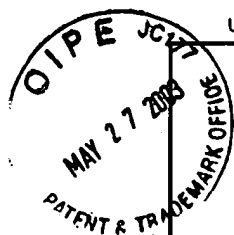


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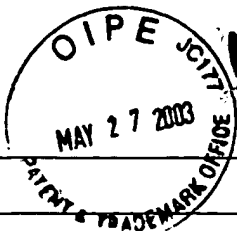
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Application Number	10/046,924
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Group Art Unit	1652
Examiner Name	R.G. Hutson
Title:	<i>Mono- and diacylglycerol acyltransferases and methods of use thereof</i>

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003. The Office Action set forth a one-month time period for response, making a response due on or before May 24, 2003. May 24, 2003 fell on a Saturday; and Monday, May 26, 2003 was a Federal holiday. This response is being filed on May 27, 2003, i.e., the next business day following May 24, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**I. REMARKS**

The Office Action set forth a Restriction Requirement, and an Election of Species requirement, as follows.

**Restriction Requirement**

The Office Action required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-3, 7, and 8-10, drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a MGAT1 or DGAT2a product, vector and host cells comprising said polynucleotide sequence and methods of expression of said polynucleotide;
- Group II: Claims 4-6, drawn to an isolated MGAT1 or DGAT2a polypeptides;
- Group III: Claims 11-14, drawn to an antibody directed against the DGAT2a polypeptide;
- Group IV: Claims 15-18, drawn to method of inhibiting the activity of a SGAT2A protein;
- Group V: Claims 19-21, drawn to methods of modulating a symptom in a mammalian host of a disease condition associated with SGAT2a activity;
- Group VI: Claim 22, drawn to a method of producing a triacylglycerol; and
- Group VII: Claim 23, drawn to a method of identifying an agent that inhibits an acyltransferase.